

### REMARKS

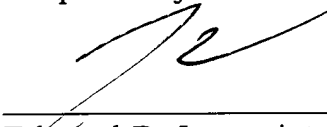
The Examiner has issued a ten-way restriction requirement. Applicant elects Group IV which includes Figures 1 and 6. Accordingly, Applicant cancels Claims 1-14. Applicant adds new Claim 23. Claims 15-23 cover the invention in Figures 1 and 6.

Applicant submits that no new matter is added as the Specification discusses a lacrosse head in which the lower sidewall curves outwardly.

Applicant has commented on some of the distinctions between the cited references and the claims to facilitate a better understanding of the present invention. This discussion is not exhaustive of the facets of the invention, and Applicant hereby reserves the right to present additional distinctions as appropriate. Furthermore, while these remarks may employ shortened, more specific, or variant descriptions of some of the claim language, Applicant respectfully notes that these remarks are not to be used to create implied limitations in the claims and only the actual wording of the claims should be considered against these references.

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Respectfully submitted,



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